

**San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District  
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road, West Covina, California 91790**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**March 13, 2009**

**Minutes**

**Trustees Attending**

- 1 Stephen Sham (Alhambra)
- 2 Roger Chandler (Arcadia)
- 3 Joseph Rocha (Azusa)
- 4 Rick Barakat (Bradbury)
- 5 Henry Morgan (Covina)
- 6 Margaret Finlay (Duarte)
- 7 Ernest Gutierrez (El Monte)
- 8 Charles Myers (Glendora)
- 9 Jeff Parriott (Industry)
- 10 Dan Holloway (La Puente)
- 11 Manual Garcia (Irwindale)
- 12 Robert Neher (La Verne)
- 13 Frank Hall (Co. of Los Angeles)
- 14 Dan Kirby (Monrovia)
- 15 Dave Barron (Monterey Park)
- 16 Elliott Rothman (Pomona)
- 17 Robert Bruesch (Rosemead)
- 18 Jeffrey Templeman (San Dimas)
- 19 Albert Huang (San Gabriel)
- 20 Janice Nelson (Sierra Madre)
- 21 Kenneth Gillanders (Temple City)

**Trustees Absent**

- 1 Linda Elderkin (Claremont)
- 2 Mary Su (Walnut)
- 3 Steve Herfert (West Covina)

**Staff Attending**

Steve West  
Kenn Fujioka  
Kelly Middleton  
Rose Alba  
Esther Elliott  
Carol Anne Hagele  
Ramona Deacon

**Staff Absent**

Mel Cook

**Guest Attending**

Michael Jenkins, Hogin & Jenkins  
District's Legal Counsel

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Chandler at 7:01:AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Roll Call**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Templeman,

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**4. Consent Calendar**

- A. List of Claims for February, 2008
- B. Budget Status Report for February, 2008
- C. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting February, 2008
- D. Surveillance and Vector Report
- E. Abatement Report
- F. Education Program

A motion by Trustee Finlay to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded and unanimously approved.

**5. January 2009 Monthly Treasurer Report / District Working Balance Report for March 2009**

A motion by Trustee Morgan to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report was seconded and unanimously approved.

**6. Board Committee Members and Chairpersons for 2009**

**A. Policy Committees (one vacancy)**

Trustee Gillanders agreed to serve on the Policy Committee at the President's request and the Board's endorsement.

**B. Legislative Committee (two vacancies)**

The Board voted to appoint Trustee Herfert and Trustee Su to serve on the Legislative Committee.

**7. District Administration**

**A. VCJPA Annual Workshop on February 26 and 27, 2009**

District Manager Steve West and Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka attended the VCJPA Annual Workshop in Sacramento on February 26 and 27, 2009. The Employee Risk Management Authority (ERMA) of the VCJPA, which provides insurance relative to personnel matters, has experienced excessive costs because membership includes cities with substantial claims. Although the insurance coverage is adequate for vector control and not overly expensive to this District, cost-effective methods of reducing claims is a priority of the ERMA Board. Thus, ERMA's Board has changed its general plan in terms of putting more emphasis on reducing sexual harassment claims and recognizing their effects on organizations. Formerly, ERMA had attempted to serve a larger venue but the VCJPA did not find it beneficial in general with very few sexual harassment claims in our industry.

Note: Mr. West introduced Mike Jenkins, Legal Counsel for the District.

**B. Legislative Day in Sacramento March 3, 2009**

Trustees Morgan and Finlay attended the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Day in Sacramento on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with District Manager Steve West and Public Information Officer, Kelly Middleton.

Trustee Morgan reported they met and talked with Assembly Member Ed Hernandez; Assembly Member Curt Hagman; and Assembly Member Anthony Adams as well as five staff members in legislative offices.

There were discussions regarding the consequences Districts are being asked to endure because of mistakes made by one or two Vector Control Districts in California, particularly Coachella Valley.

Trustee Finlay found it interesting that legislators and staff were very accessible and found they could simply stop by a legislator's office and were able to talk to them.

President Chandler thanked Trustee Morgan and Finlay for representing the District. Mr. West thanked them as well and was pleased to say that they met with Assembly Members and staff in more than ten offices throughout the day. Of the 60 to 70 vector staff attending, no other Districts were as active.

**C. Citizen's Business Bank**

District Manager Steve West and Assistant Manager Kenn Fujioka and staff met with Citizen's Business Bank, Dwayne Keene, Senior V.P., Covina Branch and Deborah George, Senior V.P. and Manager, Government Services, Ontario Branch to discuss a letter received by Citizen's Business Bank President and CEO in January of this year regarding the Bank's

decision to participate in the U. S. Treasury Department's Capital Purchase Program. The District Manager had expressed his concern regarding this decision and asked what affect their decision will have on District funds.

The Bank officials stated District funds are covered under an "improved coverage clause" which insures \$250,000.

The District Manager had asked to what uses they would make of the allocated 250 million dollars. The Bank officers reported that the money is "banked" and although they are paying interest on the loan, the bank is not loaning money except for extremely qualified businesses.

**8. Disease Surveillance**

Assistant Manager Fujioka reported that although West Nile virus is quiet in our District there have been reports of activity in west Los Angeles County. Three chicken coops have had antibodies to WNV which is considered highly unusual.

He reported that last year's experienced 'extra-help' employees are back and have eagerly jumped in treating existing sites as well as new ones.

Responding to questions Kenn explained that after a spell of warm weather developing mosquitoes start flying in about five days. He continued saying the current temperature is right at the five-year average and is hopeful it will continue on that path. In 2008 the District had a lot of heat at the wrong time of year which may have accelerated WNV transmission. Also the numbers of birds that were available to be infected were increased sufficiently from 2004 so that a disease cycle was possible. He hoped that the number of crows decreased sufficiently in 2008 so the same problem would not occur in 2009. Locally we saw fewer birds but not like in 2004 when some areas lost 90% of the birds.

**9. Trustee Reports**

None

**10. New Business**

Trustee Rothman requested adjourning the meeting in memory of Nell Soto, past Trustee of the Board, past member of the City of Pomona City Council, past California Assembly Member and California State Senator.

**11. Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee Meeting**

President Chandler announced that the Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee will convene in closed session immediately following the Board's adjournment. He added that Mike Jenkins, District's Legal Counsel, will be in attendance at the closed session meeting.

**12. Finance Committee Meeting**

President Chandler reported that the Finance Committee will meet immediately following the adjournment of the closed session joint Personnel and Finance Committee meeting.

**13. Adjournment**

A motion by Trustee Finlay to adjourn the meeting in memory of Nell Soto was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 am.

